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Board of Supervisors

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PUBLIC SAFETY PRESERVED IN COUNTY BOARD'S ADOPTED BUDGET

Restored positions will keep the community safe

Milwaukee, WI –The Milwaukee County Board is keeping the community safe by restoring more than \$1.2 million for prosecution and law enforcement efforts. At its Budget adoption meeting last Monday, Supervisors restored dozens of positions crucial to maintaining public safety in Milwaukee County. It's important to note that two officials elected countywide called for these positions to be restored. "District Attorney John Chisholm and Chief Judge Kitty Brennan both came before the Finance and Audit Committee to tell Supervisors that the County Executive's budget would not allow them to fulfill their responsibility in meeting the public service needs of the community," said Finance and Audit Committee Chairman Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr.

On a commanding 17-2 vote, the Board responded by restoring nine Legal Research Interns, two Deputy County Clerk Judicial Assistants, and two clerical assistants to handle a growing workload.

In addition, the County Board voted 17-2 to restore 15 Deputy Sheriff 1 positions that handle inmate transportation service. The County Executive had proposed eliminating those positions and outsourcing inmate transportation. The County Executive also proposed downsizing the House of Correction K-9 program. The Board voted 19-0 to maintain the program and increase funding for the care of dogs.

On a unanimous vote, six Correction Officer positions were restored to provide full staffing for 160 inmates at the Huber Community Correctional Center. Thirty additional positions that were slated for abolishment are restored but not currently funded.

In the District Attorney's (DA) office, funding was restored for a critical Paralegal position. District Attorney Chisholm told the County Board the position is crucial for keeping violent sexual predators off the streets of Milwaukee County. "If this paralegal position is not restored, the likelihood of repeat sexual predators in our neighborhoods will increase," Chisholm said. Funding was also restored for a Secretarial Assistant position in the DA's office on a 13-6 vote.

The County Board will consider any vetoes from the County Executive in reference to the 2008 County Budget on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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